

**NOT APPROVED BY COUNCIL
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
JANUARY 7, 2009 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Anne Brumley, Kenneth A. Johnson, Robert G. Cole, Crawford Moore, Administrator J. Ronald Thurman, Assistant Administrator Denise Douglass, and Clerk to Council Michelle Sellers. Also attending the meeting were Donna Rivers with Chesterfield County Council of Aging and Ralph Laney with DSS. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Cole asked Administrator J. Ronald Thurman to open the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers stated that there have been two items added to today's agenda by staff which include items 7(a) Sheriff Sam Parker and 11(a) 1997 Bond Allocation with the audit report. Council Member Brumley made a motion to adopt the January 7, 2009 meeting agenda with approved changes. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Faye Sellers, Clerk of court for Chesterfield County, administered the Oath of Office to the following Council Members: Brue E. Rivers – District 1, G. Franklin Plyler – District 5, Lenora V. Powe, District 6, J. Matthew Rivers, District 7, and Robert Cole, District 9.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the December 3, 2008 regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. **The Honorable Sheriff Sam Parker, Vehicle Registration**

The Honorable Sheriff Sam Parker appeared before Council to discuss the proposal concerning leave and leave time for county employees. Some employees are accruing too much time and it is putting a burden on the Departments. After looking over the policy and checking with several other counties concerning their leave policy it is recommended that employees will accrue one day holiday leave (8hrs) if the holiday

occurs on an employee's regular day off. This leave must be taken within 30 days or the employee will lose the time. This is a program we're looking at to save money and save jobs. It is suggested that this will be looked at further and brought back to Council in February. The Honorable Sheriff Sam Parker also discussed the vehicle registration problems that the county was incurring in reference to citizens living in the county but not paying vehicle taxes. Sheriff Parker stated that he already has a deputy looking at this and will bring an update back to Council.

c. McAbee, Talbert, Halliday, Independent Audit Report – Charles Talbert

Mr. Charles Talbert presented council with the Chesterfield County Independent Audit of fiscal year 2007-2008. Chesterfield County has once again received a clean audit.

d. 2009 Sandblast Rally – Anders Green

Mr. Anders Green appeared before Council seeking the approval of council to run the annual 2009 Sandblast Rally on February 7, 2009. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads. Mr. Tim Eubanks has inspected the roads and has been in contact with Mr. Green regarding any problems. Council Member Powe made a motion to approve the use of the specified road to run the annual 2009 Sandblast Rally. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Cheraw Rural Fire Contract Public Hearing

Council Member Moore made a motion to open public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Moore made a motion to close public hearing. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. Zoning Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing

Council Member Moore made a motion to open public hearing. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Cheraw Rural Fire Contract - 3rd Reading

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 3rd reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - 3rd Reading

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 3rd reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

c. Land Transfer Ordinance 1st Reading, (by title only)

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 1st reading by title only. The land transfer is based upon three provisions as follows:

- Property will be used for recreational services solely and in any event in the future property is not used for recreational purposes it will revert back to County to be used for whatever purposes need be.
- Acceptances of any obligations county would have to National or State Park Services.
- If property is used for recreational purposes by Town of Cheraw and a fee is charged then rate would likewise be offered to employees of Chesterfield County.

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 1st reading by title only. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee, Chair Crawford Moore

Due to the recent State cuts in County operating funds, Finance Committee Chairman Crawford Moore addressed Council concerning a freeze on purchasing and new hires for the remainder of the fiscal year. The freeze on purchasing would include any items that are not mandatory in the operation of everyday County business. The hiring freeze would include any new positions or the replacing of positions for the foreseeable future that do not represent a mandatory role in the everyday function of County Government.

Council Member Brumley made a motion to put a freeze on purchasing and new hires for the remainder of the fiscal year. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

c. 1997 Bond Allocation – Chairman Moore

It has recently come to staff's attention that the Health Department Building and the DSS Building is going to need either extensive roof repairs or new roofs in the very near future. Estimated cost for the roof replacement/repair on the Health Department is approximately \$45,000 to \$50,000 and the DSS is unknown at this time.

This being the case, it comes as a recommendations from the Finance Committee that the remaining 1997 bond money, approximately \$87,000, be re-allocated for the repair and upkeep of County buildings. Our independent auditors recommend this re-allocation and the bond attorney approves this as a solution.

Council Member Moore made a motion to use remainder of 1997 bond monies to make necessary repairs. Council Member Brumley seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. 2008 State of the County – Chairman Rivers

Chairman Rivers gave Council a year end closing State of the County Summary. See attached State of the County 2008.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Stimulus Package Request Report - Thurman

Upon being informed that the State of SC could receive an estimated 5 billion in Federal Stimulus money, the County Committee Chairs met to formulate a listing of potential projects for submission. The focus of the money was to provide for infrastructure such as water and sewer, roads, schools and certain building projects. Four projects were submitted through assistance from our Regional Council of Governments.

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| • Highway 9 Widening Project | Cost: \$ 1222,000,000 |
| • Chesterfield County DSS Building | Cost: 2,000,000 |
| • Chesterfield County Animal Shelter | Cost: 305,000 |
| • Chesterfield County Law Enforcement Center | Cost: 1,250,000 |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crawford Moore

None

Bruce E. Rivers

None

Anne Brumley

None

Lenora V. Powe

None

Gerald L. Miller

None

Kenneth A. Johnson

Wanted to know if the projects sent in reference to Stimulus Package were set in stone

George Franklin Plyler

Invited everyone to go look at the new addition on the Magistrate Office

J. Matthew Rivers

None

Robert G. Cole

None

J. Ronald Thurman

The County received a good audit. It appears budget was overspent. But what the audit didn't take into consideration the general fund transfer. If you do input this into the figure the county actually came up leaving a \$103,000 in the general fund.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

MICHELLE SELLERS
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: _____